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Potato Stocks up 9 percent from December 2008

The 13 major potato States held 265 million cwt. of potatoes in storage December 1, 2009, up 9 percent from a year ago but slightly below December 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 69 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production. Potato disappearance, at 120 million cwt., was 5 percent below December 1, 2008 and down 9 percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 14.1 million cwt., was up 11 percent from the same date in 2008 but 1 percent below 2007. Processors in the 9 major States have used 60.9 million cwt. of potatoes this season, down 12 percent from the same period last year and down 17 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 11.0 million cwt. of the total processing, up 3 percent from last year but 14 percent below the same period in 2007.

Klamath Basin stocks totaled 4.50 million cwt. on December 1, 2009, up 13 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Fall potatoes: Production and stocks, 2008 and 2009 crops ¹

| State | 2008 Crop | | | 2009 Crop | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Production | Total stocks Dec 1, 2008 | Dec 1 stocks as % of production | Production | Total stocks Dec 1, 2009 | Dec 1 stocks as % of production |
| | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| California | 3,948 | 1,900 | 48 | 4,158 | 2,100 | 51 |
| Colorado | 21,907 | 16,600 | 76 | 22,080 | 15,800 | 72 |
| Idaho | 116,475 | 85,000 | 73 | 131,000 | 96,500 | 74 |
| Maine | 14,769 | 11,300 | 77 | 15,263 | 12,000 | 79 |
| Michigan | 14,875 | 8,300 | 56 | 15,660 | 8,700 | 56 |
| Minnesota | 20,400 | 13,200 | 65 | 21,150 | 13,000 | 61 |
| Montana | 3,465 | 3,400 | 98 | 3,278 | 3,200 | 98 |
| Nebraska | 8,245 | 5,600 | 68 | 8,712 | 5,800 | 67 |
| New York | 5,696 | 2,600 | 46 | 4,950 | 2,500 | 51 |
| North Dakota | 22,680 | 14,800 | 65 | 19,125 | 13,000 | 68 |
| Oregon | 18,676 | 16,100 | 86 | 21,460 | 17,400 | 81 |
| Washington | 93,000 | 49,500 | 53 | 88,450 | 54,500 | 62 |
| Wisconsin | 25,730 | 15,400 | 60 | 28,980 | 20,000 | 69 |
| 13 State Total | 369,866 | 243,700 | 66 | 384,266 | 264,500 | 69 |
| Klamath Basin ² | - | 4,000 | - | - | 4,500 | - |

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage to plant all seasons of the 2008 crop totaled 24.5 million cwt.

² Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13 State total.

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and major states total, 2005-2009

| Location and crop year | Production | Total stocks | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | Dec 1 | Following year | | | | | |
| | | | Jan 1 | Feb 1 | Mar 1 | Apr 1 | May 1 | Jun 1 |
| | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> |
| Oregon | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | 22,023 | 19,000 | 16,500 | 14,500 | 11,500 | 8,500 | 5,000 | 2,300 |
| 2006 | 18,533 | 16,000 | 13,900 | 11,700 | 9,700 | 7,600 | 4,800 | 2,300 |
| 2007 | 20,293 | 18,000 | 16,100 | 13,900 | 11,600 | 9,200 | 6,400 | 4,200 |
| 2008 | 18,676 | 16,100 | 14,100 | 12,000 | 9,800 | 7,400 | 5,300 | 3,400 |
| 2009 | 21,460 | 17,400 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13 Major states | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | 375,118 | 253,800 | 220,500 | 189,100 | 155,500 | 115,700 | 75,900 | 41,560 |
| 2006 | 389,527 | 258,900 | 225,800 | 192,200 | 159,500 | 120,900 | 79,050 | 44,460 |
| 2007 | 397,753 | 265,500 | 232,300 | 199,300 | 163,400 | 125,500 | 83,960 | 50,420 |
| 2008 | 369,866 | 243,700 | 213,200 | 183,900 | 152,700 | 115,800 | 78,100 | 45,300 |
| 2009 | 384,266 | 264,500 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2007, 2008 and 2009 crops ¹

| Storage season | To Dec 1 | To Jan 1 | To Feb 1 | To Mar 1 | To Apr 1 | To May 1 | To June 1 | Entire season |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 cwt.</i> |
| Idaho and Oregon-(Malheur County) | | | | | | | | |
| 2007-2008 | 26,230 | 33,250 | 40,310 | 48,660 | 55,460 | 63,000 | 70,700 | 88,030 |
| 2008-2009 | 22,380 | 28,980 | 35,430 | 42,150 | 49,030 | 55,570 | 62,940 | 77,340 |
| 2009-2010 | 23,110 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Washington and Oregon-(other areas) | | | | | | | | |
| 2007-2008 | 30,595 | 36,940 | 42,350 | 50,165 | 57,160 | 67,690 | 72,380 | 82,770 |
| 2008-2009 | 32,560 | 38,050 | 42,795 | 49,865 | 56,350 | 62,635 | 70,625 | 81,260 |
| 2009-2010 | 25,350 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maine ² | | | | | | | | |
| 2007-2008 | 1,700 | 2,170 | 2,815 | 3,440 | 3,990 | 4,670 | 5,240 | 7,550 |
| 2008-2009 | 1,635 | 2,240 | 2,895 | 3,515 | 4,005 | 4,795 | 5,540 | 7,545 |
| 2009-2010 | 1,625 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other states ³ | | | | | | | | |
| 2007-2008 | 15,040 | 17,535 | 20,755 | 23,900 | 26,650 | 29,710 | 32,600 | 39,430 |
| 2008-2009 | 12,480 | 15,120 | 18,165 | 21,030 | 24,025 | 26,515 | 29,590 | 37,285 |
| 2009-2010 | 10,855 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| 2007-2008 | 73,565 | 89,895 | 106,230 | 126,165 | 143,260 | 165,070 | 180,920 | 217,780 |
| 2008-2009 | 69,055 | 84,390 | 99,285 | 116,560 | 133,410 | 149,515 | 168,695 | 203,430 |
| 2009-2010 | 60,940 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dehydrated ⁴ | | | | | | | | |
| 2007-2008 | 12,815 | 16,785 | 21,040 | 25,350 | 29,500 | 33,650 | 37,975 | 46,660 |
| 2008-2009 | 10,675 | 14,490 | 18,335 | 21,465 | 24,875 | 28,195 | 31,870 | 39,345 |
| 2009-2010 | 10,995 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced.

² Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in WI.

⁴ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

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